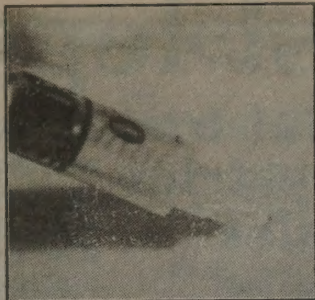




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Fieldhouse building plans at standstill

By Colleen J. McBrien
Staff writer

Construction of the athletic fieldhouse has been put on the back-burner to other projects but is still in the planning books.

Renovations to the Durick Library, Alliot Student Center, and Cheray Science Hall are taking top priority right now, said John Gutman, Vice President for Business Administration.

The library and science hall were considered most important by the institution because of their academic significance, Gutman said. Once these renovations are finished and funding is complete, construction on the fieldhouse will begin, he said.

Half of the \$5 million needed for the fieldhouse will come from the school's Capital Campaign, while the other half will come from currently invested issuing bonds, Gutman said.

The bonds are in place now, but the Capital Campaign has not yet raised enough money for the fieldhouse, Gutman said. The date of construction depends on the continu-

ing success of the Capital Campaign, he said.

Gutman said he does not "envision that it would be sooner than 12 months" but does not foresee a problem for the Capital Campaign in raising the \$2.5 million.

Blueprints for the new facility are nearly finalized, said college Engineer David Cutler. Included in the current plans are four basketball courts, four handball courts, an indoor track, a larger weightroom, an aerobics room, a hall-of-fame room, more team lockers, and an elevator for disabled students, Cutler said.

These facilities are directed more toward general students than varsity athletes, Gutman said. Gutman said he would rather call The fieldhouse a "student recreation center".

The new fieldhouse is not a replacement for Ross Sports Center, said Cutler. Ross will remain in use mainly for the basketball teams and for offices. Slight renovations will be made to Ross, which was designed in the early 1970's, while the college was becoming co-educational, Gutman said. More women's lockers will be added and area of the women's locker room will be expanded to equal the men's facilities, Gutman said.

Security cracks down on parking scofflaws

By S. Jeffrey Edmond
Staff writer

Look Out! If you've got five or more unpaid parking violations, you will lose your parking privileges and have your car towed.

St. Michael's College Safety and Security Office notified students with five or more tickets that they must set up appointments with Director Donald R. Sutton by Feb. 7 to discuss the issue. If the offenders fail to meet the deadline, they face tough consequences.

"Five tickets is more than sufficient," Sutton said. "They're subject to be towed after the given date. If they have over five tickets, especially the habitual offenders, we will tow their cars."

This operation will affect about 50 people. "Not all of them are in the position that they're going to lose their privileges, but the offenders are going to have to make some decisions about their parking habits," he said.

Over 900 students have registered vehicles here. Unregistered cars total about 200, Sutton said.

Letters are coming out because security has caught up with all of the work and compounded information on the computer, he said.

The Assistant Dean of Students Lou Dimasi agrees that parking is a problem. "Parking is a premium on this campus. There's a definite need for some regulations," Dimasi said.

St Mike's parking system may be inconvenient but it's necessary on a campus this size, Dimasi said.

Money from collected tickets will go into the school's General Fund, as does part of the tuition funds and contributions, according to Steve Karcher, controller for St. Michael's. Last year's collected violations totaled \$21,900, he said. The General Fund pays for books, teachers, and expenses, he said.



St. Michael 's jammed by Assumption College

PHOTO BY DAVID ADORNATO

Jeremy Dubay isn't quite in time to block a slam dunk by Assumption's Drew Adderly. Assumption knocked the St. Michael's Purple Knights off by a score of 94 to 70.



PHOTO BY PATRICIA KILE

Security Officer Michael Ticehurst
writes out a parking ticket.

In the news...



U. S. outproduced Japan in '89

Japan's Labor ministry has changed its mind and now says that in some ways, American workers outproduce Japanese workers.

The ministry says in 1989, U. S. workers produced 1.6 times as much as Japanese workers when the value of their work is calculated according to buying power.

The report also says Americans produce more per hour, barely because the Japanese work more hours, diluting their overall productivity average.

The ministry says Japan's labor minister wanted the figures made public after Japanese Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa said earlier this week that U. S. workers were losing their work ethic. Miyazawa said later he had been misunderstood.

'Malcolm X' running in the red

Spike Lee's latest film project doesn't seem to be doing the right thing for the Hollywood's accountants.

"Malcolm X," Lee's latest movie, is said to be \$5 million over budget, and has been taken over by a completion bond company. The company has been overseeing the film's operations since December, an official from the company said.

The film, which stars Denzel Washington as the murdered Black Muslim leader, had a budget of \$28 million. The film's co-producer says the takeover hasn't interrupted filming for the movie, due out late this year.

Ditch taxes "just like the Prez"

People are flooding Texas with requests for citizenship so that they can avoid income taxes -- just like the president.

Garry Trudeau's "Doonesbury" ran a coupon so people could "be just like the Prez," and avoid paying state income tax. Texas has no income tax, and President Bush claims Houston as his official residence, even though he has not lived there full-time since going to Congress in 1966.

Within a few days, more than 2000 coupons showed up in the office of Comptroller John Sharp. Sharp has printed tongue-in-cheek certificates granting unofficial Texas residency, "good for state income tax purposes only."

However, the certificates include the disclaimer "And then only if you can get away with it."

Man loses arms; feeling OK

An 18-year-old North Dakota man who had his arms cut off and then reattached thinks people have put up too much of a fuss over the accident.

John Thompson and his doctors held a news conference at North Memorial Medical Center in Robbinsdale, Minnesota this week -- less than a month after Thompson's arms were severed by farm machinery. He moved his arms for reporters to show that he could use them.

Thompson gained national attention when it was learned he dialed a telephone for help by using a pencil he held in his teeth. He then waited in a bathroom for an ambulance so he wouldn't stain the carpet of his parents' house with his blood.

Thompson says he thinks anyone else in that situation would have done the same. He said he hopes to be out of the hospital in two weeks.

Doctors say he'll need at least two or three years of surgery and therapy before they know how much movement he will regain in his arms. They hope that he will eventually have feeling in his fingers.

Dahmer "Not such a bad person"

A court-appointed psychiatrist says he doesn't think Jeffery Dahmer was insane when he killed, cut up, and ate people.

The judge at Dahmer's insanity trial in Milwaukee called Dr. George Palermo to the stand this week, telling jurors he wanted to hear from an expert who represented neither the defense nor the prosecution.

Palermo, who said he interviewed Dahmer four times, described the confessed serial killer as a "very sick person," but also "not such a bad person." He said Dahmer is not legally insane.

Dahmer has pleaded guilty but insane to killing and cutting apart 15 young men. If the jury finds Dahmer insane, he will be sent to a mental institution. If not, he'll go to prison.

Palermo said no matter where Dahmer is sent, he should get psychiatric treatment.

Compiled from the Associated Press

Last leg of the keg?

Legislature may restrict keg sales

By Yoko Wall
Staff Writer

Keg parties may become as extinct as dinosaurs if Vermont law makers accept a proposal to restrict the sale of kegs.

If that law is written into the books, establishments with second-class liquor licenses would be unable to sell kegs, Burlington Assistant City Clerk Michelle Lefkowitz said. Currently, stores with a second-class license can sell beer and wine in any quantity as long as the alcohol is sold in containers, Ms. Lefkowitz said. Stores with first-class licenses (liquor and beverage stores) and third-class licenses (restaurants and bars) would not be affected by this, she said.

A less severe ordinance called "Tag a Keg" is also being proposed. Under "Tag-a-keg," kegs would be stamped, not banned. This will enable liquor officials to keep track of

what stores sold the kegs and exactly who bought them, said Ann MacRitchie, administrative assistant of the Liquor Control Department. If any problems arose, the seller could be traced.

The "Tag a Keg" policy could severely cut down on the number of underage buyers, MacRitchie said. William Rockwood, owner of Kerry's Kwik Stop in Burlington, agreed. "Kids will be less likely to use a fake I.D. if they know it's going on record, he said. "It [tagging kegs] would also cut down on the number of underage kids at parties. If minors can't get their cups filled at the parties, it will make it that much harder for them to get alcohol," he said.

The concept is not a new one, MacRitchie said. States like Maine, Mass. and New Hampshire, already have the law, she said. The enforcement division of the Liquor Control Department is in the process of finding out, from other state liquor control agencies, what kind of impact the policy has had.

The process of trying to make "Tag a Keg" a legal reality was

initiated by a Burlington citizen. She recently proposed the idea of keg registration to the licensing committee, Lefkowitz said. The committee referred the matter to state legislators in Montpelier who were enthusiastic about the idea.

Although no bill on the issue has yet been drafted, a public hearing to begin the law-making process will be held Feb. 26 in Montpelier. Legislators are expected to favor the total banning of keg sales except in liquor stores with first-class licenses, Lefkowitz said. The problem with keg tagging is that it could be difficult to enforce, she said.

Junior Phil Noto, 21, is in favor of making "Tag a Keg" a law, but also sees a flaw in the concept. "If I bought a keg for a friend who's legal, and that person decides to supply to minors, I would be the one in trouble even though I didn't break the law," he said.

If keg banning or keg tagging is passed by the legislature, it could be instituted locally or state-wide, depending upon the input legislators receive at the hearing, MacRitchie said.



William Rockwood stands with kegs at Kerry's Kwik Stop in Burlington. The legislature is debating bills which would restrict the sale of kegs.

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Security: this week and last semester

Campus security report

By Benjamin Newell
Staff writer

This week's campus security report highlights events which occurred between Jan. 30 and Feb. 5. No events are related.

A minor domestic dispute erupted on the south side of Alliot Hall on Jan. 30 at 2:26 a.m. Security officers arrived at the scene and both parties left.

Security officers investigated the report of a suspicious man on Jan. 31 at 12:30 a.m. The suspect was spotted by a resident assistant in the parking lot behind Hamel Hall.

A Joyce Hall custodian reported a man sleeping on a mattress in the first floor bathroom, on Jan. 31 at 6:20 a.m. Security officers were dispatched but the suspect had already woken up and left the bathroom.

One marijuana cigarette and a bag of marijuana were confiscated from a Ryan Hall resident on Jan. 31 at 11 p.m. Security officers, a resident assistant and a resident director were all present during the bust.

Security officers assisted a medical rescue unit on Jan. 31 at 11:38 p.m. in Lyons Hall when a woman reportedly overdosed on pills. Two resident assistants were also present.

Someone complained about

noise at St. Joseph's Hall on Feb. 1 at 1:32 a.m. A resident assistant was dispatched and found the house all quiet.

Security officers escorted a woman from a 100's townhouse to Hamel Hall on Feb. 1 at 3:27 a.m. The officers advised students about the suspicious character seen earlier that evening.

A breaking and entering was reported in the Marriott dining hall on Feb. 1 at 4 a.m. Security officers investigated but nothing was reportedly stolen.

Security officers aided a medical rescue unit in Joyce Hall on Feb. 2 at 1:22 a.m. when a student overdosed on alcohol. The student was brought to the Fanny Allen Hospital Emergency Room and was treated.

Two juveniles were told to leave St. Edmund's Hall by security officers on Feb. 2 at 2:40 a.m.

Security officers assisted an emergency medical squad on Feb. 4 at 12:38 a.m. in Joyce Hall. A student complained of stomach cramps and was transported by security cruiser to the Fanny Allen Hospital.

On Feb. 5 at 2:43 a.m. security received reports of a possible "riot" in a 300's townhouse. Security officers arrived at the disturbance to find four to six men destroying furniture. The situation was controlled by dispatched officers.

Security stats kept low by R.A.s, St. Mike's main crimefighters

By Benjamin Newell
Staff writer

Six months had passed since St. Michael's Security last recorded a drug violation when security officers confiscated a marijuana joint and a bag of marijuana on Jan. 31 from a student in Ryan Hall according to statistics released by Associate Director of Safety and Security Peter Soons.

The crime rate at St. Michael's has not risen, according to Soons. "It seems to be right on track compared to last year," Soons said.

Security responded to 213 incidents between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1991. Violations varied from towed vehicles to attempted suicides, Soons said.

St. Michael's security logged only 14 liquor violations between July 1 and Dec. 31, 1991. The statistics only include violations that were reported to security, Soons said.

The four dormitories in the quad had the highest incident rate, Soons said. Alumni Hall topped the list with 20 reported occurrences followed by Ryan, Lyons and Joyce. Alumni Hall leads the list because students lived there over the summer, Soons said.

Quite often, security is the last

organization to be called in an alcohol or drug related incident, according to Resident Director of Alumni and Founders Hall Sam Djedjro.

"I like to deal with the students and create a certain trust," said Djedjro. Resident assistants usually take care of any alcohol problems, he said.

"If the students follow procedures, like dumping beer, then security will not be called."

• Sam Djedjro, resident director of Alumni and Founders Halls

In certain circumstances, resident assistants will have to bring their resident director, or person in charge of the entire building, into the situation, Djedjro said.

"If the students follow procedures, like dumping beer, then security will not be called," he said.

It is very important for every resident director to have a plan for dealing with rules violations, Djedjro said. "If you don't have a game plan, security will go ahead and do your work before you get there," he said.

Students drinking quietly in their room with the door shut is not a problem, Djedjro said.

"One thing I am trying to do here is to give them a chance to

experience college life, he said.

"I am just asking the student to respect us," Djedjro said.

There have been times when security was too busy to deal with smaller problems, Ryan Hall Resident Assistant Kate DeVoe said.

Resident assistants will team up and contact the resident director

on duty when problems arise, DeVoe said. "We will then decide whether to call security," she said.

Drugs can be a difficult problem to respond to because it is tough to pinpoint the smell of marijuana, DeVoe said. "Sometimes we are forced to knock on doors to find the location of the drug users," she said.

Other drugs, like cocaine, are even harder to detect, DeVoe said.

"We are doing our job upholding school policy," DeVoe said. With a campus the size of St. Michael's, it is hard to catch everything, she said.

"Everyone is dedicated to making the campus as safe as it can be," DeVoe said.

Fearlessly protecting your bicycle

Security storing bikes, registering serial numbers

By Angela Marie Frye
Staff writer

If you are tired of storing your bike in your room because there's not enough space, or the snow is too deep to keep it outside, St. Michael's Security Office has a solution for you.

You can bring your bike to the Security office and have it registered and stored according to Peter Soons, associate director of Safety and Security Office.

"It's alarming to see how much bicycles cost, and to see them hooked on to a bike rack buried in snow is a disappointment," Soons said.

For only 50 cents you can register and store your bike and Security will make sure it is safe.

The Bicycle Registration and Storage Program has been in effect since September 1991 Soons said.

"Unfortunately, students who are not aware of the storage program are parking their bikes in fire escapes, stairwells, hallways, lounges, doorways and handicap access ramps. This is a real safety hazard," he said.

Sophomore journalism major, Lora Cecca, 19, has chosen to keep her bike in the basement of her dorm. "I know I should keep my bike in storage, but I've just had this feeling it's not necessary," Cecca said. "I've been meaning to go and have it registered, but somehow it just seems easier to keep it in the basement. There doesn't seem to be a threat of it being stolen, although I know there is always a slight possibility that it might."



PHOTO BY JOHN PODKOWA

Mountain bikes, targets for theft, can be stored in Ryan Hall by security.

There is no charge for the service.

Junior education major, Rachel Hatch, 20, registered her bike in the Security Office in September. "I think it's a great idea, because so many bikes are stolen, and there is no way to find out if it is yours," Hatch said.

Hatch lives off campus and keeps her bike in her apartment. For Hatch, it's an extra safety measure to register her bike with security.

As bicycles become more expensive each year, Security has taken action to find out the serial numbers of bikes brought in for registration.

All you have to do is go to Security and fill out a form and a decal will be issued. Security encourages you to bring your bike in, and they will answer any questions about safety and storage.

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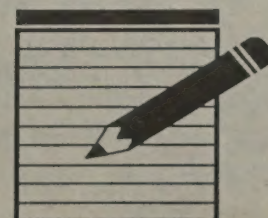
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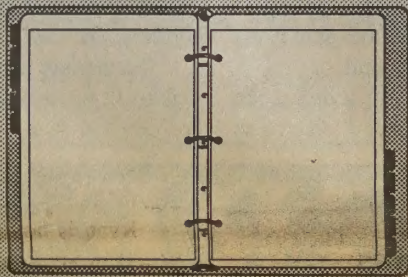
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PHOTO BY JOHN PODKOWA

Freshman Glen Camire shoots and scores playing pick-up hockey with friends on Loop Pond on Friday.

Service Speaks



By Laura Volpe
Staff writer

The members of the Student Admissions Association (SAA) are the people that read your applications, interviewed you and gave you a tour to see if you were compatible with the St. Michael's community.

The SAA has a full schedule planned for this semester including letter writing, a phone-a-thon, day visits, overnight stays and Explorations.

Junior John Drake, an SAA coordinator commented on these programs.

"The letter writing is a critical part of the sales perspective of the SAA," he said. "Written contact to accepted students is an effective way of communicating the personality of SMC."

Along with the letters, some accepted students receive a phone call, Drake said.

All accepted students will receive either a phone call or letter, while some may receive both, Admissions Counselor Edward Pitts, said. The time they are accepted is what determines which they receive, Pitts said.

A day visit involves matching up a prospective with a tour guide who will take the student to a class and to lunch, Drake said.

Overnight visits are also a choice for accepted students. They would arrive on Sunday and go through a normal day of school on Monday, Drake said.

Explorations is one of the biggest events, Drake said. It takes place during Parents' Weekend.

"We invite all accepted students to come, take tours, attend mock classes, talks and lectures," Drake said.

Pitts said one of the reasons it takes place on Parents' Weekend is so prospective parents can question current parents.

The SAA is looking for another Student Admission Coordinator. Pitts said if anyone is interested there will be an information meeting on Feb. 12 in the Alliot upper lounge. He added if anyone was interested in being an SAA member to stop by the office.

Any club or group can be published in Service Speaks. Write to The Defender at Box 274.

Who's in charge now?

S. A. President-elect Rob Connolly

By Maryanne Ray
Staff Writer

His cross country race numbers line the walls of Joyce 356. Eleven different inspirational poems cover both his closet doors. The poem, "Don't Quit," seems to mirror the person who lives in the room: newly elected Student Association president, Rob Connolly.

Connolly, who's main platform issue was better communication with the S. A. and the rest of the school, insists that he wants to serve the needs of the campus as best he can. He tries to be approachable and a regular person that someone can turn to, he said.

"The big thing is communication. I would like to see more student involvement throughout the campus, and not just with the General Assembly," he said.

Extra curricular activities have given Connolly, a junior political science major, the experience needed for the job, he said. Connolly was an S. A. member, the Library chairperson, an Academics Committee member, and a two-year resident assistant for Joyce Hall.

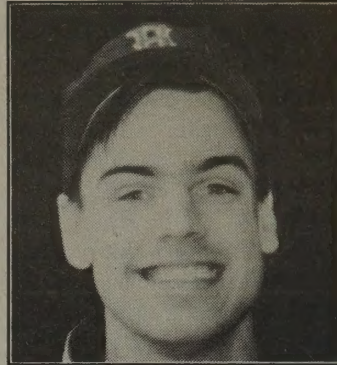
Connolly had to struggle

with the possibility that he might have to give up being an R. A. if he was elected. "It was difficult for me to picture giving up the one thing I love the most on campus," He said. "However, I believe as S. A. president I will be able to serve the needs of the campus as a whole."

Although Connolly seems committed to freshman development, he stays close with his class. He promised himself not to lose touch with his friends in the class of 1993 when he became an R. A. "Being an R. A. in Joyce has been a give-and-take kind of thing with my class. However, I am fortunate to have been able to keep in close touch with the guys up North (Campus) and my friends who live at 2 Johnson [Street]," he said.

Connolly is currently enjoying his internship at Congressman Bernie Sanders' Burlington office. Connolly hopes politics will always be part of his life. "Twenty years down the road, whether in law or in business, I hope to be in politics on some level," he said.

Family is a major influence in Connolly's life. He keeps in close contact with his parents and three brothers. Family tragedy has pushed Connolly to accomplishments he otherwise would never have reached, he said. Connolly's



Rob Connolly FILE PHOTO
brother Jimmy died seven years ago of a rare blood disease. Connolly says he has learned much from his brother's death.

"I've realized how short life can be, so I've always tried to get the most out of my life and live it to the fullest in everything I've done," Connolly said.

Connolly collects inspirational sayings and poems. He often turns to them when he needs a little push, he said. Connolly believes everyone can learn from one of his favorites - "Life is a Race."

"If we learn from each success and each failure, and improve ourselves through this process, then in the end we will have fulfilled our potential and performed well."

S. A. Vice President Elect Derek Pratt

By Julie A. King
Staff writer

Derek Pratt is sitting at his desk with the confident and aggressive look of a politician, and a smile on his face. Recently elected Vice President of the Saint Michael's Student Association, he has reasons for both looks.

Politics, however, is not something new to Pratt. He has held the position of president to the class of 1994 and a seat on the Alcohol Task Force Committee of the S. A. for two years, and is a member of the programming board.

Pratt admits that he didn't begin the school year with the intention of running for S. A. Vice President. Before Christmas break, Pratt's resident director, and former S. A. president Keryn Wood and vice president Rob Teas approached him and encouraged him to run. He soon realized that his interests really were in the Student Association, where he could not only help his class, but the entire student body, Pratt said.

One he decided to run, Pratt said he immediately began



FILE PHOTO

Derek Pratt

campaigning. His campaign was different from the other candidates, Pratt said.

"My campaign didn't begin three weeks before the election, and I didn't print up a million fliers. I relied on word of mouth, R. A.'s, and floor reps to let people know what I stand for and what I have done," Pratt said.

"Throughout my campaign, I tried to present myself as a candidate, and not as an alternative," he said.

The S. A. doesn't need many changes, Pratt said. "Keryn and Rob have done a really great job. I'm not looking for a 180-degree reverse of the program that they built, but I would like to add to it," Pratt said.

Pratt said he is looking forward

to the new curriculum changes and leading the Alcohol Task Force. He also hopes to get involved with the Programming Board to get new, interesting programming for students on campus, he said.

"A big question I get asked is: 'What is there for me to do here?' Maybe we aren't doing enough, or the right kinds of things. I want to get the kinds of activities that people really want," Pratt said.

Pratt wants to improve participation in student government. The key to involvement is accessibility, Pratt said.

"I will be in the office a lot, and I will have office hours posted. I want people to come in and hang out and talk, to let me know what is going on and what they want," he said.

Pratt will continue to work closely with floor reps and R. A.'s to find people who might be interested in working with student government, and then find a place for them, he said.

"There are tons of opportunities to become a part of the Student Association, no matter what kind of time commitment you can give," Pratt said.

Life's a downer for sugar freaks

(CPS) - Think twice about giving your sweetheart a box of candy for Valentine's Day. A Texas A&M psychologist said depression—not adoration—may result.

Dr. Larry Christiansen, who has conducted research on the link between sugar and depression, said he has found that dropping sugar from the diets of depressed people can substantially curb their depression.

"In terms of mood disorders, particularly depression, caffeine and

sugar can have a devastating effect in terms of creating depression," said Christiansen.

He points out that "individuals who feel fatigued, go to bed for eight hours and are still tired, someone who is moody, and people with ongoing headaches" are among those who may be what he terms "sugar or caffeine sensitive."

Many people attribute "feeling lousy" to stress when they could be suffering an underlying depression

triggered by caffeine or sugar that makes them feel worse.

The author suggests that people eliminate both sugar and caffeine from their diets, then gradually introduce one element back into their system and watch for symptoms.

"Caffeine is not a stimulant for everyone," said Christiansen, who said he has found that people more often are sugar-sensitive than caffeine-sensitive.

Fort Ethan Allen getting cosmetic surgery

By Kelly Mello
Staff Writer



PHOTO BY PATRICIA KILE

A worker from Rise + Run Inc. helps renovate Fort Ethan Allen

Fort Ethan Allen, home of St. Michael's North Campus, will have a new look by late fall of 1992. Renovated condominiums, office buildings and public parkland will give new life to North Campus.

Vermont Housing and Finance Association bought 21 buildings and a 20 acre parade ground, the University of Vermont for the "Officers Row Project," said VHFA representative Emily Wadhams.

Wadhams called the renovations on North Campus' Dalton Drive a tremendous success.

Nineteen of the buildings will be reserved for office space, and the parade grounds will be donated to Colchester and Essex Junction as public parklands, she said. "The parkland has covenants to protect them from any future development," Wadhams said.

A lot of work has already gone into the project at Fort Ethan Allen, Wadhams said. Newly paved roads and new water lines have been recently completed. "These new benefits will definitely increase the value of SMC buildings," she said.

The 77 condominiums will be made affordable for families who

have below average income levels, Wadhams said. The VHFA plans to sell the condos starting at \$62,000, with prices going to \$120,000.

"It is hard to compare these condos to standard condos because the Fort Ethan Allen condos are generally larger and have amenities, such as higher ceilings and fireplaces, that standard condos don't have," Wadhams said.

The Vermont Housing and Conservation Board gave the project a grant of \$300,000 for the

Wadhams said. "We have a four-star energy rating," Wadhams said.

The VHFA is concerned with preserving the history of Fort Ethan Allen, Wadhams said. Fort Ethan Allen is the only decommissioned military base in Vermont. "We highly respect the Fort's historical integrity," she said.

In refinishing the 1,000-to-2,000 square foot condos, the VHFA chose to work mostly with the materials used in the original construction. VHFA used "selective re-

**"We highly respect the fort's historical integrity."
•Emily Wadhams, Vermont Housing and Finance representative**

condos, which the VHFA matched, plus \$220,000 combined for the parade grounds and some exterior historical preservation of the buildings, Wadhams said.

The grant allows VHFA to sell at least one out of four of the units to households who make 85 percent of the median income level or below, Wadhams said. The median income for a family of four in the Burlington area is \$38,400, she said.

VHFA is trying to keep energy costs down by using gas heaters and storm windows and doors,

habilitation," renovating only what couldn't be avoided.

"A lot of materials were still good; we saved money by not gutting out the entire building. It's hard to determine our actual savings but we are convinced that it is a considerable amount," she said.

"There are a lot of forts in the U.S. that are decommissioned with similar architecture," Wadhams said. "We look at Fort Ethan Allen as a potential model for other officers quarters and military bases in the U.S.," she said.

The same, only different

Diversity Coalition talks gender issues

By Jill Martin
Staff Writer

Is it nature or nurture that causes men and women to be different? Are we biologically programmed to behave as we do or is it the result of upbringing and society? These were the issues discussed at the Diversity Coalition's second meeting of the semester.

Even at a very young age, differences between males and females are obvious, students said. "Girls are often seen playing games where everyone is equal, while we're playing games where somebody has got to win and somebody has got to lose," a male student said.

Society helps children establish different roles for men and women. They discussed how nursery rhymes introduce the idea of the man rescuing the woman. Advertisers often gear their products toward males or females, distinguishing between genders. "I get so upset watching commercials where every floor cleaner, every toilet bowl cleaner, every shower cleaner, everything, has a woman doing the job," one woman said.

Movies were blamed for influencing people's views about males and females. Students expressed amazement that at the beginning of "Robin Hood," Maid Marion was capable of defending herself, yet at the end she was hiding while Robin Hood fought to save her. "Thelma and Louise" was supposed to be a breakthrough movie for feminism, but one member said it was more, "females acting like males" than really a movie about women.

"Is feminism dead?" asked some students. Some said that feminism was stalled, but others said it had been reevaluated. "Instead of making the issue to put down men, it's been to bring women

up," someone said.

Members said that for feminism to be successful, men must change themselves. Society, parental pressure, and tradition make men feel they have to be successful, some said. Boys are taught certain things they must do to make themselves men. "If I don't bring money home to my wife and children, I'm a failure," said one male student.

Sometimes these pressures make men feel they have to be in control, some students said. "As long as we have our problems saying that we're not going to let you go any further, there's going to be this stone wall," commented a concerned man.

All agreed it was difficult to determine at what point men and women are equal. One woman said part of equality was being able to

"I get so upset watching commercials where every floor cleaner...has a woman doing the job."

•A woman at the Diversity Coalition meeting

say, "I can still be a strong, articulate person and I can do my job well, but if I feel like I want to cry, I can cry." Another said part of being equal was, "Just having the same question asked to a man as asked to a woman."

Members were concerned that cases such as those involving William Kennedy Smith, Mike Tyson, and Clarence Thomas were sending the wrong message to rape and harassment victims. "If people can't talk about it, then it's not perceived as a real problem," said one member.

The meeting concluded with a wish that all who attended learned to become more aware of gender issues and that improvement will continue.

Freshman Ambassador program given overhaul

By Brian Kelly
Staff writer

After its first semester in existence, the Ambassador Program for getting American freshmen and international students to interact has changed its course slightly to make it more effective.

Each resident assistant in the Joyce and Lyons halls, as well as other buildings with freshmen residing in them, is assigned an international "ambassador" to work with. The RA and the ambassador create programs with the students on the RA's floor and international students to promote communication between the two groups.

International Student Affairs Director Rick Gamache and Freshmen Development Director Grace Kelly began the program last semester after the Dean of Students, Mike Samara, realized that no international students were going to be living in the freshmen halls this year. Samara thought that a program was needed to provide interaction for international students with American students, Gamache said.

The original activities planned last semester were on a formal, one student to one student basis and didn't work out well, Gamache said. The program wasn't defined well, Gamache said. "We weren't clear on what to do," Kelly said. "The program needed more work."

Kelly and Gamache had a "good, honest" meeting with the RA's and ambassadors at the beginning of this semester. "We were pleased with the concerns of the students," Gamache said. A new approach to executing the programs was agreed on, but the focus — interaction with international students — remained the same, they said.

The students thought "it would



Freshmen Development director Grace Kelly

be more comfortable for the ambassadors and RAs to try a team approach," Kelly said. "The ambassadors wanted the program to be on a person to person basis. It was one of the more productive meetings I've been to in a long time."

Since the meeting, the RAs and ambassadors "have taken the ball and are running with it," Kelly said. "They (RAs and ambassadors) own it, and are defining it." Joyce RA Nick Koman and Ryan RA Kate DeVoe helped organize programs for their respective dorms. Joyce held a fiesta night on Sunday.

These programs make international students "part of your floor if they are allowed to interact normally with the floor," Koman said. "It was a mistake not to have inter-

national students living in the building."

Ryan is holding "Around the World in 80 Bites" on Thursday. The event's only requirement is that students planning to attend must cook a dish from their country or their ethnic background. The purpose is to have "taste-testing" that hopefully will lead to casual interaction between the international students and Americans, DeVoe said.

Freshman international student Carlos Pulido, who lives in Ryan, said the programs are great but international students generally interact well with American students already. Programs are not needed to make us accepted by Americans, Pulido said.

Gamache and Kelly said they would like to see the program include upperclassmen in the future. Newly elected Student Association President Rob Connolly proposed an extending the program during his campaign.

Connolly's proposal calls for each floor representative to also be paired with an ambassador. The floor representative would be required to complete at least one program with an international student during the academic year. Connolly's proposal "is a perfect example of what we hoped would happen," Kelly said.

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OPINION/EDITORIAL

It's our job to "dig" it up

"As best you can, stare the truth in the face"
• Words of Wisdom

By Lynn A. Molinaroli
Executive Editor

If it weren't for the inquisitiveness and persistence of reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein, no one would have known about Watergate. And if it weren't for the dedication of *The Defender* staff no one would have known what happened with the Rathskeller's budget, problems with the campus club's petty cash system, fake i.d.'s, the curriculum, financial aid issues and other topics.

Recent complaints that *The Defender* is turning into a "tabloid" type paper are absolutely correct. By journalism definitions, a tabloid paper is one of 11.5 by 17 inches. That's us. On a more serious note, allegations that we are trying to dig up dirt or drag people through the mud are unfounded.

Yes, we're probers and we are going to keep on probing, but that's what journalism is all about.

We ask questions the administration would rather not have us ask, but that's our job—to open up the closed doors and foster healthy debates. When I hear people arguing over something they read in *The Defender*, I know we've done our job.

Our commitment is to our fellow students, who deserve to know where their tuition money is going, why their financial aid is being cut or whatever else affects their lives.

I invite anyone who doesn't think we present a balanced view to attend an Advanced Editing class, a story meeting or to just sit in St. Edmund's 209 any weekend, where discussions of ethics dominate.

And if you still believe we're out to get everyone, I have only one question for you, "Is there anything factually incorrect in the story you feel is unbalanced?" If your answer is "yes" we have something to discuss and if it is "no"...

As editor, I don't expect to please everybody, but I do believe what Mervin Aubespin, associate editor of the Louisville Courier-Journal, told me last fall: "You can make a difference."

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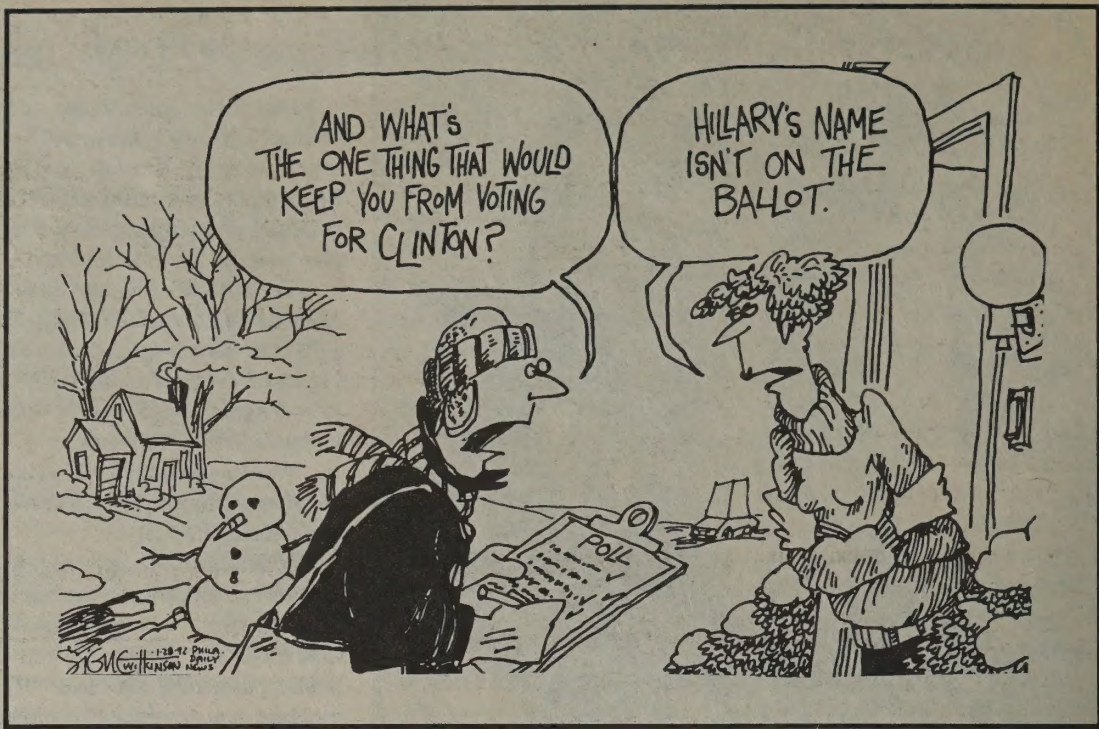
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Letters to the Editor...

Condoms aren't the answer

I would like to respond to your editorial on condoms. I must begin by saying that I don't agree with your "condoms on campus" approach to "life." Yes, condoms offer some protection against the HIV virus which can end in AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) and death, but they **ARE NOT** the answer to this devastating disease.

The prevention of this terrible disease lies in behavior change. Am I promoting celibacy? -- NO --; however, I **AM** promoting the kind of behavior that begins "between the ears!": Thinking about choices; knowing the person we want to be with, their past partners and practices, is an investment in life. Making life-long, monogamous choices will change the path of this disease.

The American College Health Association (ACHA) and Centers for Disease Control (CDC) surveys from June 1991 show that 1-3 in 500 college students across the United States have AIDS and there may be as many as 20 more that we are currently aware of. (Until Jan. 1, 1992, statistics were only kept for persons with AIDS, no statistics were kept about person who are HIV+.)

Eighty-five percent of women world-wide who are known to be HIV+ are of childbearing age, and if they become pregnant, the child is also HIV+. Two generations are being decimated. It needs to stop. You can stop this through relationship and decision-making courses and seminars which teach how to have a loving, healthy commitment to another human being. Don't play Russian roulette with casual sexual encounters! You ARE betting your life.

For more information, programming or discussion (personal or in groups), call Sonia at Health Services, ext. 2234.

• Sonia A. Kiska, Director of Health Services

THE FAR SIDE

By GARY LARSON



Condoms are safe. Not!

Recently, a friend said that she was astounded at the number of people she knew, either directly or indirectly, who have been diagnosed as having HIV.

Matthew Foley wrote to *The Defender* editors (1-29-92) and said that while he visited his friends from St. Michael's, the topic of sex and AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) was discussed.

"Suddenly there was nothing to laugh about. AIDS was never in 'my' life, but now it became so real and so scary," Foley said.

Although the media report almost daily on AIDS education and research, rarely do they disclose statistics concerning the failure rate of condoms. Shouldn't we be acknowledging that the condom failure rate of 15.7 percent yearly (mentioned on Peter Jennings "Living in the age of AIDS" program last week) was determined by birth control studies? Fertilization can occur just two days out of each month but sexually transmitted diseases (STD's) can occur 365 days a year.

When considering these facts, logic should reveal the failure rate of condoms in stopping the spread of diseases to be significantly higher than the "safe-sex" campaign would lead us to believe.

I was shocked to hear a researcher interviewed on WGOY-FM's Prime Time America radio program a year ago state that studies predict condoms can fail as much as 45 percent of the time in heterosexual sex - 75 percent in anal or homosexual sex.

This isn't the message the "safe-sex" campaign is sending. The current terminology may be giving a false sense of security to young people who already have no concept of their own mortality.

Dictionaries define "safe" using words like "free from danger, or injury, involving no risk, trustworthy, giving protection. Syn. - secure, sure, unharmed, reliable." Discuss condoms with any doctor and he or she will probably tell you, if you're serious about birth control there are more reliable methods. Condoms aren't as "safe" as people think - they have the potential to kill. Isn't this sort of like saying Russian Roulette is "safe" as long as you take most of the bullets out of the chamber.

Certainly, if you do engage in sex, use a condom and use it correctly. But be aware, you are still at risk. Outside of monogamy and abstinence, there is no such thing as "safe-sex." Don't pacify yourself with that old stand "some protection is better than none" because what you're really telling yourself is "it'll never happen to me." None of us possesses the power to always choose safe partners. The disease has a lengthy incubation period and condoms fail.

Let's call it what it is. Using a condom is "safer sex."

• Julie Senesac, Class of '93

Editor's Note:

In last week's "campus speaks" question, Sarah Perez was incorrectly identified as her sister Robin Perez.

-and-
Guitar player Junior Mike Paduck was incorrectly identified as a sophomore.

Serious illness strikes

By Paula Ventura
Managing Editor

Senioritis hits and hards!!! I find it extremely difficult to muster any desire to do anything. Even the simple task of reading a page or two is a major chore.

I don't know how I am going to get through the rest of the year. It is February already and there are only two and a half months until graduation.

Even writing my column this week, which by the way is one out of the four topics I have begun writing on, has been difficult!

It doesn't help that all my friends are going through the same "illness." Sometimes by chance, I do find some inner strength to reform, but then everybody influences me to do otherwise. It's easy for your friends to change your mind from what you should or have to do to what you actually want to do. It is sad.

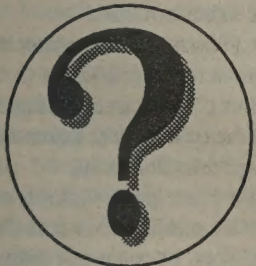
I have always heard about senioritis, but I never thought it was for real until now.

In fact, one of my friends said her senioritis hit a year ago and her motivation level is at about - 200. Another one of my friends stated that her senioritis stems from her friends' disappointment of the alteration of campus events such as the traditional Golf on Winterfest Weekend.

The question is, how do I get through the two and a half months remaining? Schedules do not work, and knowing I should act like a student doesn't either.

The worst is that I have my seminar paper to do - 30 pages!! How am I supposed to write that?

I hope this illness subsides so I can get my work done. Otherwise...



I wonder why...

By Lynn A. Molinaroli
Executive Editor

- No one (including some athletic dept. personnel) knows when the new fieldhouse is going to happen?
- Tenure is such a touchy subject around SMC?
- SMC doesn't have the same spring break (at the end of March) as every other college and university in the nation?
- The bookstore doesn't sell black and white film and other photo supplies (they could make a big profit from journalism dept. customers alone)?
- The Domino's man can't come in the dorms?

Defender Valentine's Day messages: This one goes out to the one I love...

To: Mike
From: Jenn

PARIS!! Will we ever get there !?!

To: My little frog
From: Your little piggie

Happy Valentine's Day! I'm so happy we're together!

To: Nicole
From: Jared

The distance between two people who share true love...is none. Happy Valentine's Day. Love forever.

To: Stephanie Walker
From: Stephen McMahon

Steph-
Have a wonderful Valentine's Day!!

I love you very much! I miss you!
My love always, Stephen

To: My country boy
From: Your city girl

Opposites attract?! I sure hope so! I'm wild and rough but you must be nice to me because I have Tigger on my side! Happy Valentine's Day baby.

To: Me
Love: Chumster

We've wasted too much time already. I only have 3 months left so let's get together!! Call me. I can't decipher your signature.

To: Juddy McDonald
From: A fan

Hey #25 - you're looking hot... on AND off the court! Keep playing like you did against Bentley - hitting outside shots and driving to the basket. I'll be watching!

To: A.J.
From: Kerry

"Whenever I'm alone with you, you make me feel like I am free again, whenever I'm alone with you, you make me feel like I am FUN again. However far away....."

To: My esteemed assistant
From: Your superior

Happy Valentines' Day! I can't wait 'til March!



To: Miss Lynda
From: Ben

Although across the Atlantic, Happy Valentine's Day to my little night-owl. I love you.

To: Matt, Matt, Mike and John
From: Jen

Thanks for everything and have a Happy Valentine's Day!!
Love, Jen. P.S. Thanks for the bucket!

To: Mah-Poo-T-Foo
From: Stinker (syntactically incorrect)

Do you remember watching the sun set in the Gulf? Legos and puffy cheeks? Christmas shopping in Montreal? Rush? The memories go on forever. I love you, and Star Trek is awesome. One day I'll get you on skis, my pretty! Really blaring loud?

To: Bethy
From: E

Eye Luv u so much. Thanx 4 all your help. U still look like John but that's okay. Happy Valentine's Day every day.

To: Kevincito
From: Julia

Me gusta tu barba

To: Esan
From: DAJAD

We love you, so have faith in us! "Another one bites the dust" Happy Valentine's Day - hope you get what you really want - NOT!!

To: Rooster
From: Your Secret Admirer

I've never seen a rooster on skis but then again you've opened my eyes to many things I have never seen before. See you on the slopes for Valentine's Day.

To: all the men I've loved before
From: ?

I hope you have a rotten Valentine's Day and your new girlfriends make you pay (for dinner)

To: Ben
From: Your weekend buds

"If you can't be with the one you love, love the one (staff) you're with"

To: Robbie
From: Me

You've stolen my heart. Whether that's good or bad, only time will tell. No one knows what the future will hold and even though that's scary we'll take it one day at a time - together. I love you and always will. By the way I was serious about Disneyland!

To: Lea
From: me

Thank you for staying by my side - you'll never know how much I appreciate it.
Love, (Sister) Winn

To: Lynn M., Paula V., Juli J. Juli D., Dori L., Annemarie F., Melissa C., Kristen C., Cathy T. and the wild women of 114 and 110.
From: Matt Mowry!

For all the wonderful "other women" in my life, Happy Valentine's Day! Thanks for entering my life; for the laughs and making my heart beat faster! Oh my! Love ya all!

To: Lisa
From: Matt

I hope I can make this our most special Valentine's Day. I love you, but then, how couldn't I? You will always be my special valentine.

To: Noonie Noonie
From: Chica Chica

As you once said to me, I'm loving you more and more each day. I Herman, erman, boopie wntomklv2U 247

To: Weasel
From: Stella

Another Valentine's Day alone...but it doesn't have to be that way. How shall we spend it together? How does dinner and dessert sound? And then

To: Chaf

Thanks for all the laughs. I got class!!

To: Pam
From: Batman

Me and my friend Jack Daniels let off a rebel yell.

To: Boyfriends Boyfriend
From: Bestfriends Girlfriend

Happy Valentine's Day sweetie!
Thanks for everything!

To: TH312
From: "chicks who dig you"

Roses are red, violets are blue, we just can't go on without you!

To: Mark
From: Lynn
I love you.

FEATURES

A cheaper price for freedom

Students discuss off-campus freedoms and money saved

By Laura Volpe
Staff Writer

When you left home for college you probably looked forward to your independence. Your parents would not be around to set curfews and there would not be anyone to watch over your shoulder every time you wanted to have a friend over.

If this is the case, why are so many students living off campus? Independence, experience and money are some of the reasons.

Junior Rachel Hatch, who lives on East Allen St. in Winooski, said she likes the freedom of living off campus. She said she felt confined living on campus.

"As far as a social life, it's like you're being watched over constantly," Hatch said.

Hatch said she lives in a convenient location and she thinks it is all a matter of personal preference. Hatch has one roommate and said she plans on living off campus next year as well.

Kim Beatty, a junior, said she moved off campus "because we knew it was cheaper and we wanted

the freedom." She lives on Florida Ave. in Winooski.

Students living in the dorms are required to have their meals in the college dining hall. Beatty said a lot of her decision was based on this requirement.

"Living off campus has taught me more than anything living on campus," Beatty said.

Beatty said taking care of herself has had a positive outcome. She said now when she leaves school she will know what to look for.

"It's good we're learning early so when we go out on our own we'll be experienced."

Some students that are on campus say they wish they could move off.

"I'd rather live off campus but I don't have a car," junior Lisa Tatkovsky, who lives in a townhouse, said. "I just like to be more away from the school and enjoy being with my friends."

One student said he thinks people stayed on campus because they did not know they had a



PHOTO BY JOHN PODKOWA

OUR HOUSE- Students who live on East Street in Winooski stand in front of their large off-campus apartment. East Street has been a popular area for Saint Michael's students because most of the apartments on the dead end street are lived in by students.

choice, they were not aware of the benefits and because there was so much propaganda on campus against it.

When the prices are down on paper, living off campus is cheaper than living on. An off campus apartment can even be cheaper than a double or single in the dorms.

Hatch has one roommate and said they each pay \$250 a month.

Beatty has four roommates and they each pay \$240 a month. Living townhouses or Hodson, four people pay \$440 a month. Double and single rooms on campus are \$335 and \$365 a month, respectively.

So, living off campus seems to have more advantages than disadvantages. It costs less, students do not feel as confined or dependent when they live off campus, and students feel they will be better prepared for the 'real world' when they graduate.

Saint Michael's: Star of the screen?

SMC TV program headed by journalism class, McClure

By Lora Cecca
Staff Writer

If you see a camera roaming across campus, smile, you may be on SMC TV. For the first time, St. Michael's will be broadcasting the men's varsity basketball game against Stonehill College live via satellite on Feb. 15. Behind the camera are Prof. Chris McClure's Writing and Reporting for Television News students. For the event, "Behind the Mike," they are producing, directing and editing pre-taped productions of 50-second public service announcements (PSA's) that will run during half-time and time-outs.

During the game the students will serve as gophers and production assistants for McClure, the production director, and the WCAX-TV crew.

"Instead of a class, they are a

production group. From day one they have been busting their tails," McClure said.

The event is geared towards alumni in six different sites across the country. A teleconference will be featured during halftime and viewers in the designated sites will be able to call in live to question President Reiss, SA President Keryn Wood and Hall of Famer Rich Tarrant '65.

"The teleconference is the amazing part," McClure said.

families outside of the sites can also pick up the game if they own a satellite dish, said Vice President for Institutional Advancement Anne M. Berry.

Berry said the televised event is a campaign video. She hopes the people who become involved will contribute money to St. Michael's.

She also expects a huge

crowd from both teams to be watching and hopes old friends will reunite.

"It's really neat. Everyone is involved. This has never been done before. It's so different," Berry said.

The 13 student-taped PSAs cover:

"It's really neat. Everyone is involved. This has never happened before. It's so different."

• Anne M. Berry, vice president for Institutional Advancement

the library and Cheray renovations, curriculum changes, fragments of a 1950s recruiting video, students talking about what they like best about SMC, a whole campus overview and interviews with President Reiss and different staff members.

"This is a very clever way to

present ourselves to the alums all at once," McClure said.

The journalism department recently purchased four cameras and nine microphones that will be used for the first time at the game.

One of the classmates, senior Rebecca Padula, said that because of the new equipment, McClure cancelled the syballus. She said the class has been working on the PSA project since the first class.

"It's been really fun, but it's been a lot of time," Padula said.

McClure started work for SMC in 1983 and was hired to take charge of WWPV, the school's radio station. He said he is happy with 'PV's progress and said, "I hope to do for tv what I did for radio."

McClure said he is patient with the growth of SMC TV.

"SMC TV is just crawling. It's in its infancy now. The potential is exciting," McClure said.

"It's been great working with Chris. He works us hard but as Chris always says, 'You're not doing it right if you're not laughing.' So we have a good time," Padula said.

Jack Barry '50 will host the event. Game announcers are Tony Adams and SMC Hall of Famer Walt Baumann '63. The broadcast will run from 3:30 to 6:30 on Saturday, Feb. 15.

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America is hungry and so is Vermont

M.O.V.E. sponsors Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week

By Julie King
Staff Writer

"I'm starving." How many times have you said or heard these words? You were probably standing in line at Marriot, or waiting to eat dinner in your townhouse. But the fact is that for many Americans, hunger is a reality and not an exaggeration.

This week, St. Michael's M.O.V.E. office is sponsoring a Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week.

"The purpose of the week is to heighten awareness about the issues behind hunger and homelessness," said Neila Anderson-Decelles, director of M.O.V.E.

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**• Neila Anderson-Decelles,
Director of M.O.V.E.**

The week begins Monday with the 9 p.m. mass at the chapel, where Father Steve Hornat will speak on hunger and homelessness in America. Throughout the week, there will be presentations and discussions by groups such as the Peace Corps, and the Committee On Temporary Shelter (COTS).

There will be a variety of hunger and homelessness related service projects which students can sign up to participate in on Friday and Saturday.

The projects include work through programs such as Big Brother/Big Sister, Best Buddies, and Habitat For Humanity, as well as a Bingo for senior citizens, Anderson-Decelles said.

Anderson-Decelles said she hopes the assortment of service areas offered will help people to be able to pick an area they feel most comfortable with.

"If people want to work with children, they can. All the projects are involved with sectors of the population that are affected by hunger and homelessness," she said.

"Although different people will be drawn to different sectors of service, we encourage people to be open to challenge," she added.

The "One-World Show," a variety show usually held at St. Michael's in conjunction with Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week, will be held in April, during the National Hunger Clean-Up. This national project will be sponsored by the four colleges in the Burlington area: St. Michael's College, Trinity College, the University of Vermont, and Champlain College.

"Homeless and Hunger Awareness Week is strictly awareness and direct service oriented, not

for fund raising. The proceeds of the "One World Show" in April will go to a national students campaign on hunger and homelessness. It's important to raise money, but the most important thing this week is to introduce people to national challenges," Anderson-Decelles said.

For those considering participating in the week's activities, here are a few statistics to keep in mind:

In Vermont, one in eight children go to bed hungry. Current estimates place the number of homeless in Vermont at 12,000-15,000 - roughly one in 30 Vermonters. At the start of Reagan's first term, the United States spent nearly seven dollars on defense for every one dollar on housing - today the ration is 44 dollars to one. There are an estimated three million homeless in America.

"There is a difference between being aware of a problem and understanding one. None of us can really understand what it is like to be really hungry or homeless unless we have been there, but getting involved is a big step toward a solution," Anderson-Decelles said.

Living it up

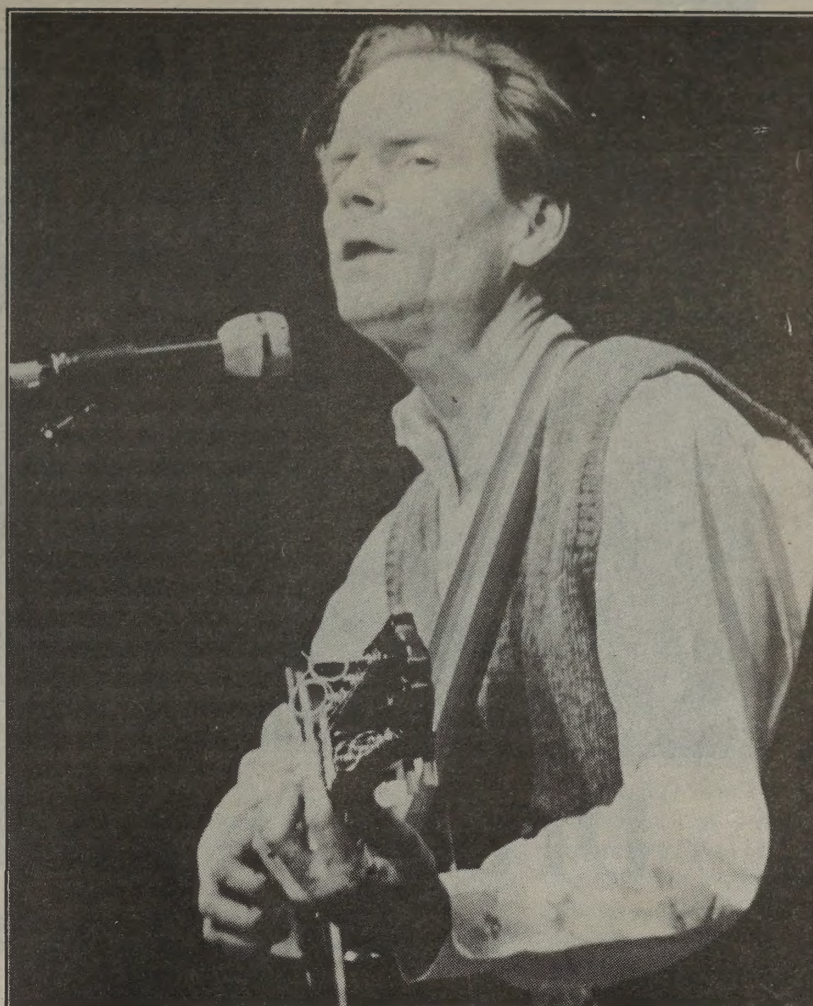


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SWEET BABY LIVINGSTON: Livingston Taylor performed Friday night in front of Saint Michael's students in McCarthy Arts Center. Taylor was one of many performers who took part in Winter Weekend.

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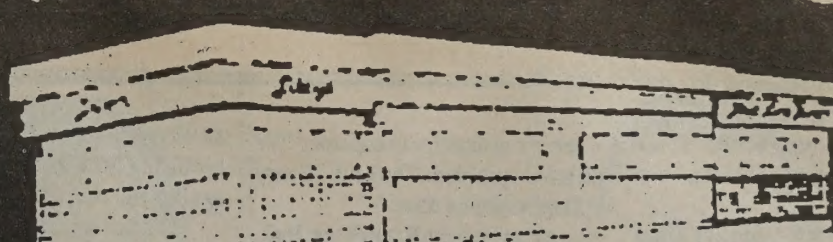
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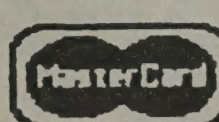
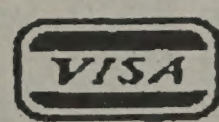
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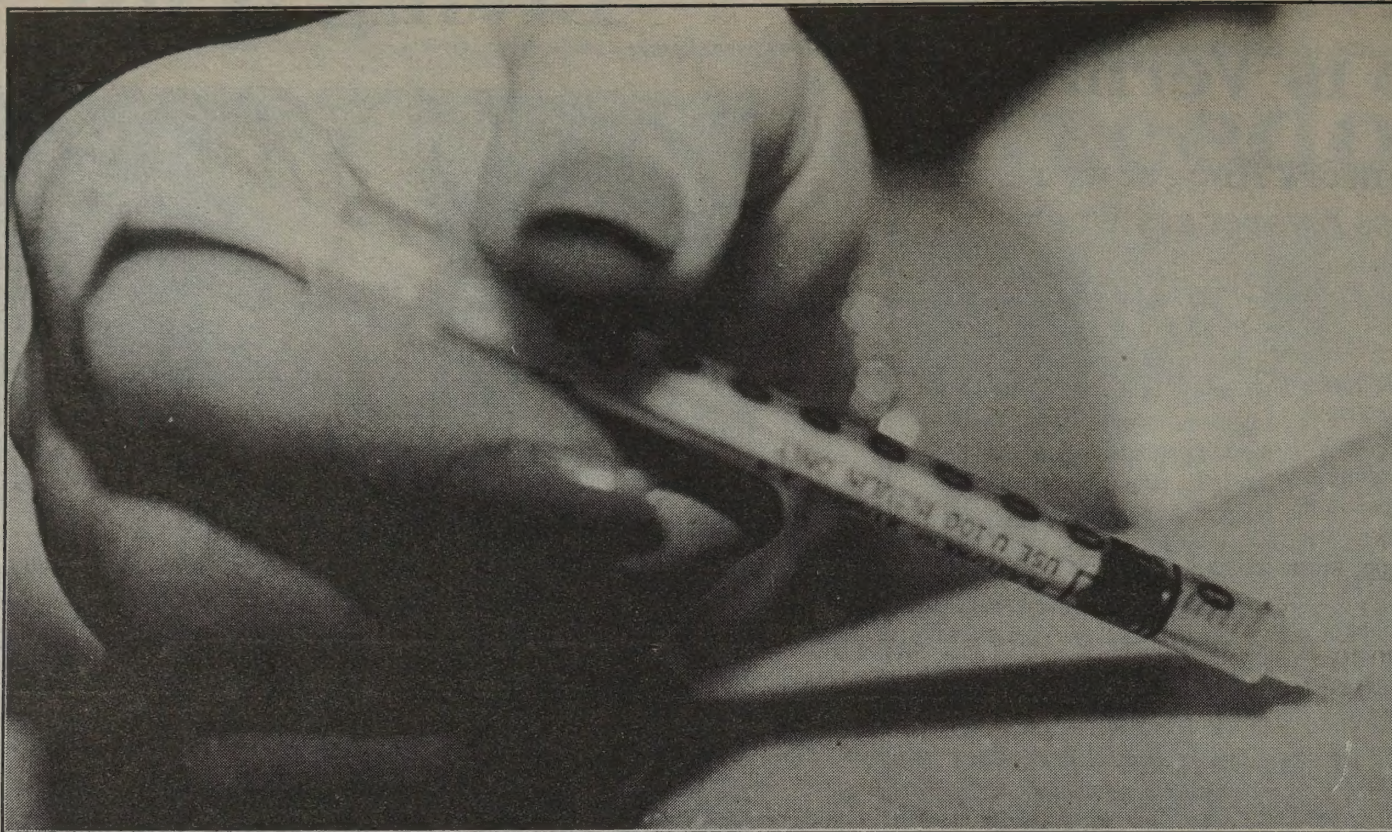
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Drugs in and around us

ARE DRUGS A BIG ISSUE ON OUR CAMPUS?

By Katy Downey
Staff Writer

St. Michael's has implemented an Alcohol Task Force to specifically deal with the alcohol problem on its "dry" campus. But what about other drugs that aren't as visible?

"The drug of choice on campus is clearly alcohol," Lou DiMasi, director of residence life, said. While use of drugs such as marijuana has probably been higher in past years, alcohol use is increasing, he said. The fact of the matter is, many people at this school do smoke marijuana and do other drugs but no one knows it because it does not cause the same visible personality problems that alcohol does.

Director of Security Don Sutton said security has not had to deal with any drugs other than alcohol this year. DiMasi said most of the issues that the residence life staff confront are alcohol-driven as well. "The toughest part is that it can get students into trouble," he said.

Derek Pratt, a sophomore committee member for the Alcohol Task Force, said students need to be aware of the consequences of drug use. "Everyone immediately

forgets when Friday afternoon comes around," he said. Although drugs other than alcohol are not seen as much, their existence cannot be denied, he said.

David Landers, director of the Student Resource Center, said drugs that exist on campus range any-

know what they can get away with, but with other drugs they don't always know the consequences."

The administration doesn't realize the amount of drugs there are on campus, she said. She smokes pot about once a week, but says it's not a problem. "Pot is not as serious

"You can get them (drugs) any time of the day and any day of the week. They're just a phone call away."

• Anonymous student

where from nicotine to cocaine. "We do have a problem," he said. "Every college campus does."

Brian Pear, an RA in Ryan Hall, said besides alcohol, marijuana is the most frequently used drug on campus. "Alcohol may be more of a problem because pot is more experimental," he said. "I think a lot of people just try pot once to see what it's like." He hasn't caught anyone with marijuana yet this year, he said.

One student, who wishes to remain unidentified, said it's hard to catch students with drugs other than alcohol. "They're more careful with it," she said. "With alcohol, they

as alcohol," she said. "It's only a problem for the school because it's against the rules."

DiMasi said the college's main objective is to observe Vermont state law. "The difference is that alcohol is legal if you're 21," he said. "Pot isn't legal for anyone."

Legal or not, drugs are easily accessible to students. "You can get them any time of the day and any day of the week," an anonymous student said. "They're just a phone call away." He has smoked marijuana at least five times this year already, which he says is "not a lot." Many students smoke every day of

the week like some smoke cigarettes.

This year, he's found students doing drugs that he never would have expected. "They're all over the place," he said.

Another anonymous student said he has seen acid, "shrooms," hash, mescaline, "ecstasy" and marijuana on campus. "I haven't seen cocaine, but I know it's there because I've heard," he said. He smoked marijuana once a day, and sometimes twice, until recently quitting, he said.

"If I ran out of money, I'd smoke other people's stuff," he said. He often spent \$60 a week on pot. He said drugs, including alcohol, are not a problem for the campus as a whole.

College is "just a stage of life when you drink a lot," he said.

Landers said drug use is deceptive. "The better people can deal with problems on their own, the

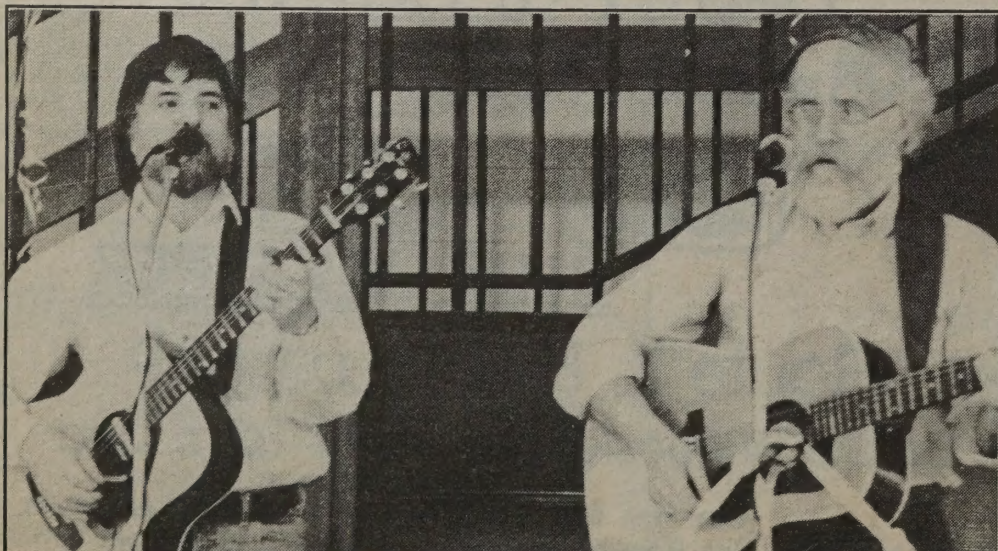
less they need to rely on drugs to help them," he said. The Student Resource Center offers individual, confidential counseling to help people deal with problems.

"I'm not as concerned with what drug is being used as I am with why it's being used," Landers said.

DiMasi said people are being smarter. "Students are learning that this is not a safe environment to experiment with drugs," he said. "Although we will work to help people who are forming drug habits, individuals are accountable for their actions."

If necessary, residence life employs students in a "forced referral program." This requires students in problem situations to use the college's resources for their own benefit.

Is this the solution for the student who said his only problem with drugs is that they're against school policy and they're too expensive?



Irish band Highland Weavers perform in Alliot Hall Saturday night.

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On-Campus Events

Wednesday, February 12

Gimbu C. Kali, lecturer in the Center for Inner City Studies at Northeastern Illinois University in Chicago, will speak on "Racism: You Can't Stop It, If You Don't Understand It," at 7 p.m. in the McCarthy Arts Center. Sponsored by the Martin Luther King Society in celebration of Black History Month.

One World banquet in the Chapel upper room from 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Money management seminar in Science 107 from 6:30-10 p.m.

Ice Hockey vs. New Hampshire College, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

Vermont poet Nora Mitchell, author of the highly praised collection of poetry, Your Skin Is a Country, will read her work at 7:30 p.m. in the Farrell Room.

Interviewing workshop from 4-5 p.m. in St. Edmunds 103.

Social hour in the Rat from 8 p.m.-1 a.m.

Exam Preparation workshop in St. Edmunds 107 from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Friday, February 14

St. Valentine's Day Dance in Alliot from 9:30 p.m.-1:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 15

Women's basketball vs. Stonehill College, 1:30 p.m.

Men's basketball vs. Stonehill College, 4 p.m.

Social hour in the Rat from 4-8 p.m.

Hypnotist in the McCarthy Arts Center from 8-10 p.m.

Sunday, February 16

Ice Hockey vs. Fairfield College, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, February 17

School for Field Studies presentation for all majors (especially Sciences) at 4 p.m. in St. Edmunds 103.

CSC Partners presentation for all majors (with computer skills) at 7 p.m. in St. Edmunds 103.

Tuesday, February 18

Practice Interviews in the Student Resource Center from 5:30-8 p.m. Sign-up deadline for this event is Friday, Feb. 14 at 4 p.m.

Wednesday, February 19

Vermont Social and Rehabilitation Services will give a presentation concerning human services opportunities and on the application process for both summer and full time employment in St. Edmunds 102 from 3-4 p.m.

The North Campus Cafeteria will

close after dinner tonight and reopen at lunch on Tuesday, March 3.

Off Campus Events

Wednesday, February 12

Career Seminar Series at the Sheraton Hotel in Burlington from 6-8 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

"The Miser" will be presented at Shelburne Town Hall at 8 p.m. on through the 15th. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$7.50 for students. For more information, call 862-1744.

Dan O'Connell will be playing at the Daily Bread Bakery and Cafe on Bridge Street in Richmond. The show begins at 7:30 p.m., and tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.50 for children and seniors. For tickets, call 434-3148.

Flutist Marina Piccinini will be playing in the UVM Recital Hall at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$10 and are available at the UVM Ticket Store and the Flynn Box Office. For information, reservations and credit card orders, call either 656-4455 or 656-3085.

The Center for Research on Vermont will be sponsoring "The Edmundites in Vermont, 1892-1992." The speech will be given by UVM professor of Romance Languages Thomas H. Geno at 7:30

p.m. in the Memorial Lounge at UVM. For more information, call 656-4389.

Friday, February 14

"Barnes Cabin Fever" will be presented at the Barnes School at 7 p.m. For more information, call 658-9300 ext. 12.

Paris Winds will be playing at the First Congregational Church in Burlington at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for students. For more information, call 862-7352.

Sunday, February 16

Bobby McFerrin will be playing at the Flynn Theater at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$25.50 for adults and \$15.50 for students. For tickets and more information, call 86-FLYNN.

Monday, February 17

Nina Simonds, renowned Chinese chef and cookbook author will give a lecture and demonstration on Chinese Dim Sum from 3-5:30 p.m. in the Governors' Mansion at The Inn at Essex at the Lang Farm Center in Essex. She will also be speaking tomorrow night from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Green Mountain Building at 250 Main Street in Montpelier. For more information, call 223-6324.

Calendar compiled by Janelle Beaulieu

CAMPUS SPEAKS

COMPILED AND PHOTOGRAPHED BY JENNIFER PITZ

Who would be your ideal Valentine Day's date? Where would you go or what would you do?



Rob Woodman, 21

"Cindy Crawford, anywhere, I like married women- sorry Ben."



Karen Gough, 19

"Wesley Snipes, I'd take him to the chapel."



Brian Johnson, 19

"Anybody...Anywhere."



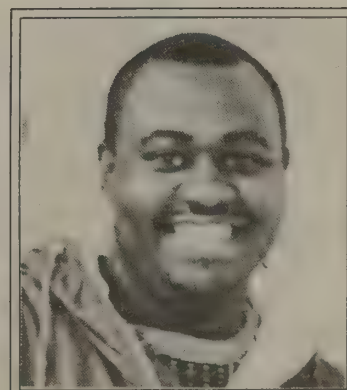
Amy Rueben, 20

"Tim Kelly because my roommate, Bonnie, always talks about him and I have no idea who he is!"



Beth Connor, 19

"I don't celebrate Valentines Day."



Kevin Butler, 20

"Madeline Stowe, I'd take her to the Virgin Islands because it's romantic."

SPORTS

Scholarships get SMC exposure Basketball is the only sport that makes money

Gary Larose
Staff Writer

Nearly every college in the nation, big or small, has one sport the school is known for. For St. Michael's, basketball is that sport.

The St. Michael's men's basketball teams are each allowed to give out 12 full scholarships which cover an athlete's tuition and room and board at the college. St. Michael's Athletic Administrator Ed Markey gave some of the primary reasons the basketball teams are given 12 scholarships while no other sport on campus is.

"The basketball program is the only income producing program that we have here. It brings back money into the program. The amount of exposure that we get through the basketball program is immense," Markey said.

While other St. Michael's sports teams play games throughout the Northeast-10 and merely get their box scores printed in local papers, the men's basketball team will normally have five column inches or

more in local papers as well as larger papers such as *The Boston Globe* or *The Hartford Current*.

"All of this is part of our marketing program. It (the basketball program) is a positive entity and unless you are into marketing or exposure for this business of creating a name and expanding it you don't realize what the value of it is," Markey said.

Certainly more is asked of the athletes playing basketball, but on the other hand we expect that, he said.

"It's the expectation and the perception I think that is misleading that they (the basketball teams and players) are getting special treatment. They are not getting special treatment, they are working their heads off, they are giving up their vacation time, but they agreed to that when they came," Markey said.

The basketball team starts pre-season one week after getting to school and then two weeks after their season they begin post season training.

To make it possible for the players to be able to keep up with their studies while they are on the road a lot of the time and practicing nearly 20 hours a week some of them only take four classes a semester making it necessary for them to take two classes during the summer.

Troy Brown, senior co-captain of the men's basketball team

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•Athletic Administrator Ed Markey

said he agrees with Markey about the reasons that the teams get the only scholarships on campus and get to leave the night before games

while most of the other teams on campus leave on the same day.

"We usually go to games a day before because we have to get acclimated with their court." We go to the school the morning before the game to get used to rims and backboards, etc., because they are different, Brown said. Where as in a sport like soccer "a field is a field," Brown said.

A varsity athlete, who wished to remain anonymous, said that St. Michael's has a priority to the basketball teams, to make sure they are good because basketball is the only program on campus which brings in a revenue. But at the same time he said the teams may get too much.

The athlete said, I understand that the teams receive a lot of money from the boosters program, but why couldn't some of that money be used towards their scholarships, rather than the extra luxuries they seem to get. For example, the soccer and lacrosse teams share one average locker room while the men's basketball team has their own more im-

pressive locker room.

"I don't know how important these extra luxuries are to the program and to the college," the athlete said.

"I know through athletics that the whole team is important to competition, but when you're talking about tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships, how important is it to give the entire team a scholarship, when some of that money could be divided into other athletic programs."

Members of the basketball team think that what the treatment they receive from the school is fair, because of the amount of time basketball consumes.

Brown said "basically it (being on the basketball team) is like a full-time job. The amount of hours we work comes out to be about 40 hours a week. And it seems to me that St. Mike's is coming out on top because if you worked 40 hours a week for the year you would make more than \$16,000 and that is about what we pay to go to St. Michael's."

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SMC women show no mercy, win big

By Maryanne Ray
Staff Writer

There was no mercy on the basketball courts this week as the St. Michael's Lady Knights pounded both Springfield and Assumption Colleges. The Lady Knights controlled both games winning by 31 and 27 points.

St. Michael's finished the week with an overall record of 13-9 and 8-5 in the Northeast-10.

"Defense is what keeps us in all our games. If we are playing good defense and can stop them, then we can concentrate on our offense."

•Junior Amy Molina

The women travelled down to Springfield, Mass., on Wednesday to try and sweep the season series with the Maroons of Springfield College. The Knights controlled the game and led by nine points at the half.

In a shooting explosion in the second half, the Lady Knights sank an incredible 68.6 percent of their shots. Karen Monahan continued to shine as she scored a game high 25 points. Other Knights in double figures were Amy Molina with 15 points and Lynne Liebhauser who finished with 12 points. In the end, the Lady Knights had 13 of 14 rostered players on the scoreboard.

The women were in command throughout because of their tight defense and constant hustle from start to finish. "We were clearly in control throughout the game. We like to start off early and get that lead and then maintain it," said Head Coach Sue Duprat.

On Saturday afternoon the Lady Knights got revenge for an early season loss to the Assumption Hounds. The Hounds beat the Lady Knights in an overtime thriller, 79-75. However, on Sat-

urday the Knights wanted to show Assumption that there was no chance of a repeat performance.

St. Michael's jumped out to a quick and gigantic lead because of their intense defense and incredible hustle. The Lady Knights were beating the Hounds 11-0 after five minutes. It was not until 14:06 that the Hounds of Assumption were able to score.

It seemed that every rebound and loose ball belonged to the Lady Knights. Senior Sarah Turkington showed what experience can do as she dominated the boards and led all scorers at the half with eight points and finished the game with 16 points. At the end of the first half the Lady Knights were up 35-18.

The Lady Knights came into the second half with even more intensity and offensive fire. Amy Molina dominated the offense for the Knights by scoring 24 of her 30 points in the second half. Molina shot an amazing 82 percent from the field and was two for two in 3-point shots.

Liebhauser had a game high seven assists while Monahan and Molina each had 11 rebounds. The Lady Knights were leading the game by 30 points with six minutes to play. St. Michael's ended up winning 83-56.

After the game, Molina said that it was the team's intense defense that got them this victory. "Defense is what keeps us in all our games. If we are playing good defense and can stop them, then we can concentrate on our offense," Molina said.

Molina down-played her 30 points and said that if someone is on a scoring spree then the team works to get that person the ball.

"The team is great in that if one person is hot then we all try and get that person the ball," Molina said. "I just happened to be hot today so I got the ball more and was able to score."

Duprat said that there is no jealousy and competition among the women. They are able to get the ball to whoever is hot, Duprat said.

"The kids are not competing against each other, they only want to win," Duprat said. "They would rather the victory than the personal glory."

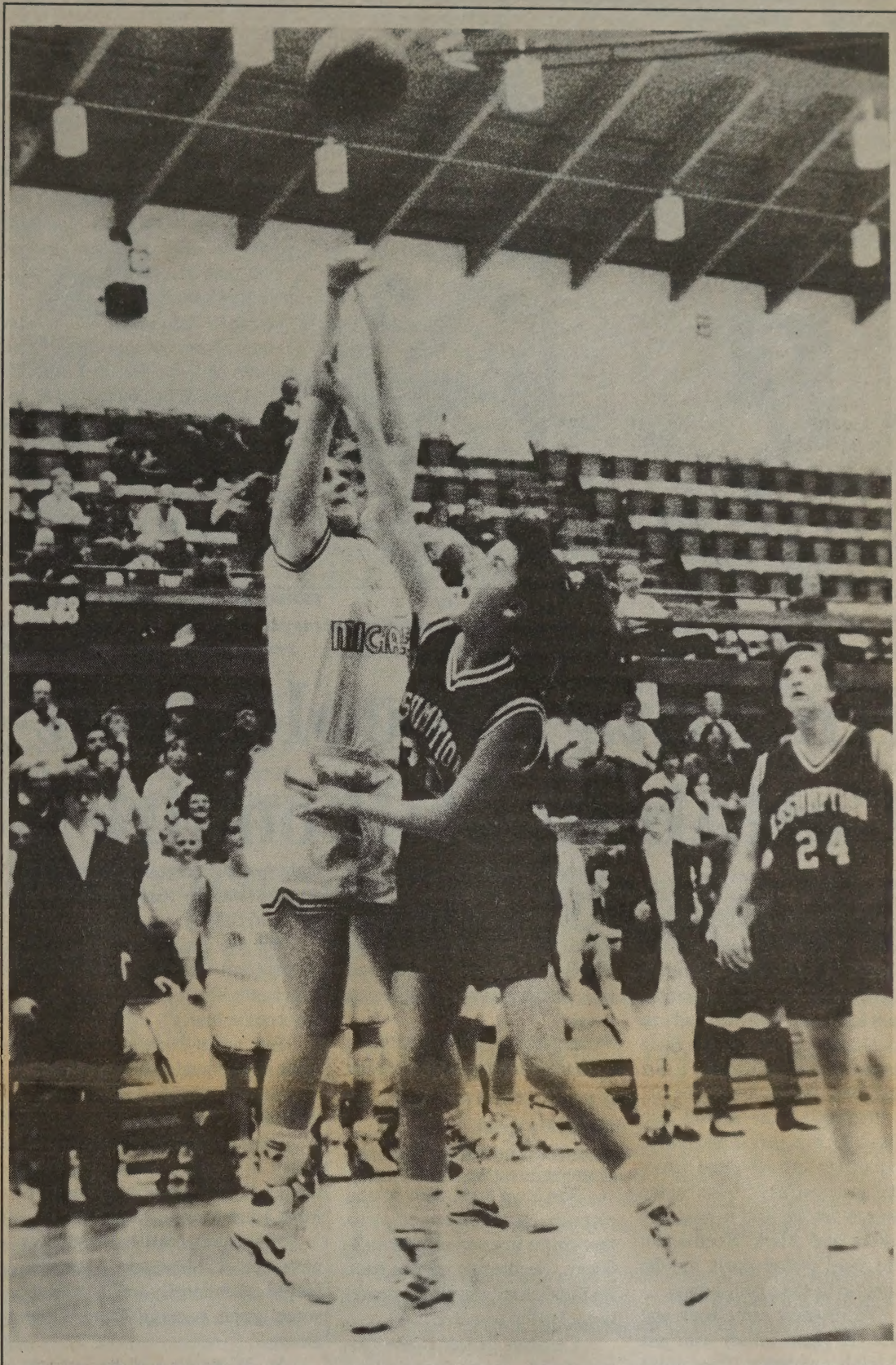


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Kathy Whitlock lets one fly during the Lady Knights 27 point win Saturday at the Ross Sports Center.

Sporting Events for Feb. 12 - 18

Women's and Men's Basketball

Feb. 12 at Bryant 5:30/7:30

Feb. 14 home Stonehill 1:45/4:00

Ice Hockey

Feb. 12 home N.H. College 6:30

Feb. 15 at Southern Maine 3:30

Feb. 16 home Fairfield 4:30

Swim Teams

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A St. Michael's player celebrates while the referee signals a goal during Saturday's 5-4 victory over Stonehill at the Essex Junction Sporting Facility.

Knights ice cold, but Callahan still on fire

Kevin Patterson
Staff Writer

The St. Michael's Ice Knights got four goals in two games from all-time leading scorer Brendan Callahan as they split their two home games last week. Callahan had one in a 5-3 loss to Plymouth State Tuesday and a hat trick in a 5-4 victory over Stonehill on Saturday.

Plymouth State scored two goals in the first period and one in the second to take a 3-0 lead before Callahan netted his 25th goal of the season to cut the lead to two. Joe Beukers and Mark Needleman added third period goals for the Knights to tie the score at three.

The Panthers came back and scored the game winner with just 1:21 left in regulation. They added an empty-netter with :09 left to make the final score 5-3.

"It was a tight game all the way and the guys played hard," Coach Lou DiMasi said. "We had a few

lapses and it's unfortunate that we let up a late goal."

On Saturday Andy Northrup scored with 22 seconds left in regulation to beat Stonehill, and end the Knights three game losing streak.

"We had a few lapses and it's unfortunate that we let up a late goal."

•Head Coach Lou DiMasi

The Ice Knights fell behind early as Stonehill scored three times in the first period to take a 3-0 lead. Needleman got one back for St. Michael's late in the period to cut lead to two, 3-1.

Callahan erupted in the second period, scoring three goals as the Ice Knights got their first lead of the game, 4-3. Bill Heney played well in net, shutting out the Chieftains in the second.

"The defense had a tough

night, but they kept skating hard and things eventually started working for us," said DiMasi.

The Ice Knights led 4-3 in the third period when Stonehill scored with just 6:30 left in regulation to not the score at four.

But when Northrup knocked home the rebound of Brian Murphy's shot with 22 seconds the Knights had their first win since Jan. 17.

"Andy popped his shoulder out earlier in the game and it's a good thing he could pop it back in," forward Adam Wansiewicz said.

"The team worked hard and never gave up," DiMasi said. "Brendan played exceptionally well and he got some good passing from Steve Heney."

St. Michael's will be at home again on Wednesday to take on New Hampshire College. They travel to the University of Southern Maine on Feb. 15 and play at home on Feb. 16 against Fairfield.

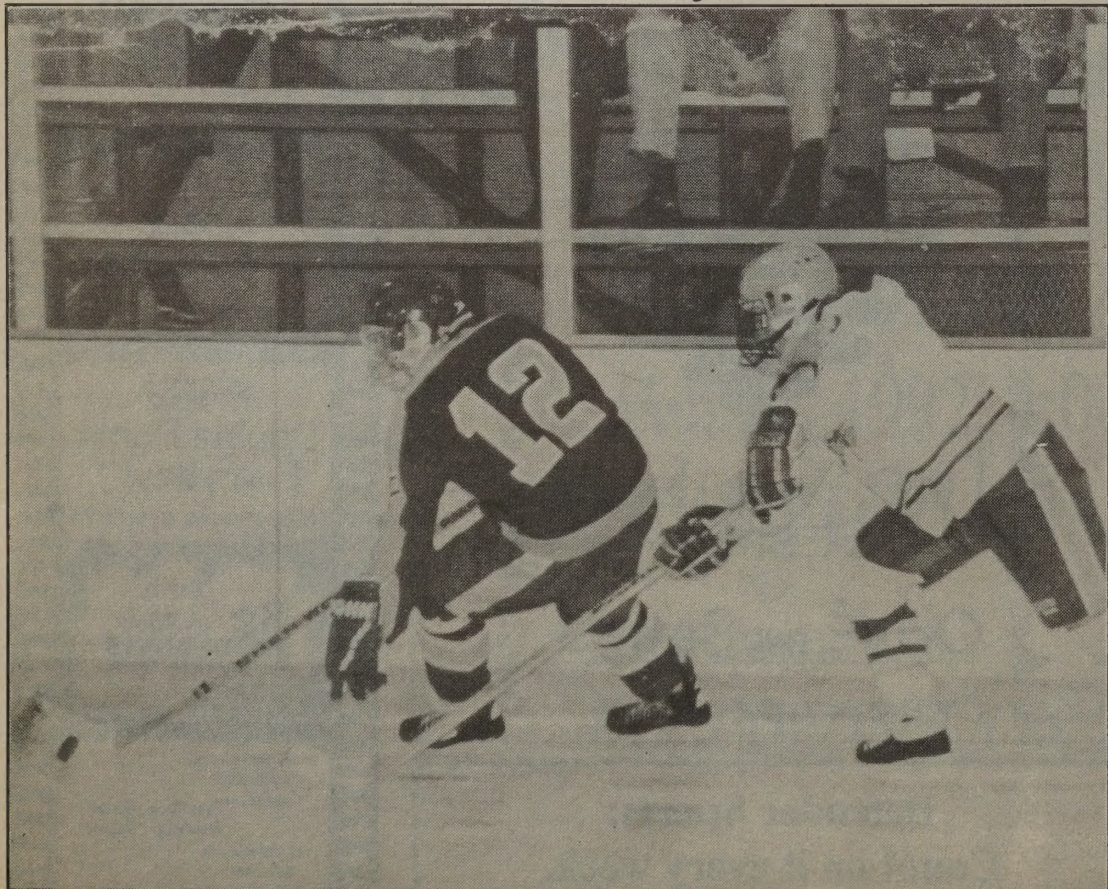


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A Stonehill forward tries to move past a St. Michael's defenseman Saturday.

Ed Markey, the man who wears purple and gold

Ray Zamagni
Staff Writer

His office is covered in purple and gold. If you have trouble recognizing him at a sporting event, simply take note of his wardrobe. That also is usually purple and gold. His name is Ed Markey and he has spent more years as an athletic administrator than anyone in college history. He is currently the athletic director, a position he's held for nearly 2 1/2 decades.

The job of athletic director is one that isn't easily described. The workload often depends on the season and the week, Markey said. If he isn't attending an athletic conference or a meeting with the NCAA Rules Committee, Markey is probably preparing the money and management for team trips, compiling information for a brochure or program, or preparing for the annual summer basketball camps, he said. "The meetings aren't always in the New England area. The NCAA Rules Committee Meetings can be as far away as San Diego," Markey said.

His accomplishments at SMC are countless. He has taken on the role of athlete, coach, and currently athletic director. During that time, he captained both the baseball and basketball teams as a player in the early 50's, was named the UPI Division 2 Coach of the Year in 1967, and was inducted into the Saint Michael's College Hall of Fame on October 15, 1988.

In 1967, Markey coached his basketball team to the NCAA Division 2 Finals at Evansville, Indiana. However, he insists that isn't the accomplishment he is most proud of. He says the most dramatic point of his illustrious career came when SMC joined the Northeast-10 Conference in 1987. Joining the conference provided SMC with the credibility they were previously not getting, he said. Markey said the basketball team couldn't find opponents who were willing to make the rather extensive trip to northern Vermont. Joining the conference put an end to those problems. They no longer had to travel to Pennsylvania for forty minutes of basketball. "It was the most important athletic improvement in SMC history and I take great pride in it," he said.

Markey says he has taken criticism in the past for being overly partial to the basketball teams because they are the only teams that receive scholarships and also because they play in the conferences' nicest facility. However, his contributions to the athletic program are in no way limited to only the basketball teams. When Markey became the athletic director in 1968, there were only 8 varsity teams. There are

"I don't prefer one sport over another. I felt great satisfaction watching the remarkable progress of the women's soccer and field hockey teams this past fall."
•Athletic Administrator Ed Markey

now 20.

Markey says that people tend to forget he was also a baseball coach at SMC for nineteen years. He attends almost every home sporting event and travels on road trips whenever his schedule permits. "I don't prefer one sport over another. I felt great satisfaction watching the remarkable progress of the women's soccer and field hockey teams this past fall," he said.

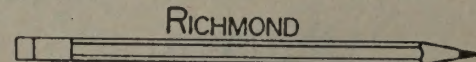
Being a small school with a tight budget, there aren't many people to handle the often hefty workload created by 20 varsity sports, Markey said. Therefore, he said, relying heavily on the help of his assistant athletic directors and other personnel is highly necessary. The two assistant athletic directors are Zaf Bludevich and Sue Duprat. Bludevich is also the head athletic trainer and cross country coach. Duprat is the head basketball coach for the women's team. "We don't have the luxury of one person doing only one job," Bludevich said.

Markey describes his relationship with Bludevich and Duprat as both close and inter-twined. "I've been so fortunate to have people around me that are so reliable and efficient. What they actually do is far beyond any job description," he said. Although the workload is often too much, both Bludevich and Duprat agree the job is worth the effort. "We try to help out and get the job done. It doesn't matter who gets credit for it," Duprat explained.

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

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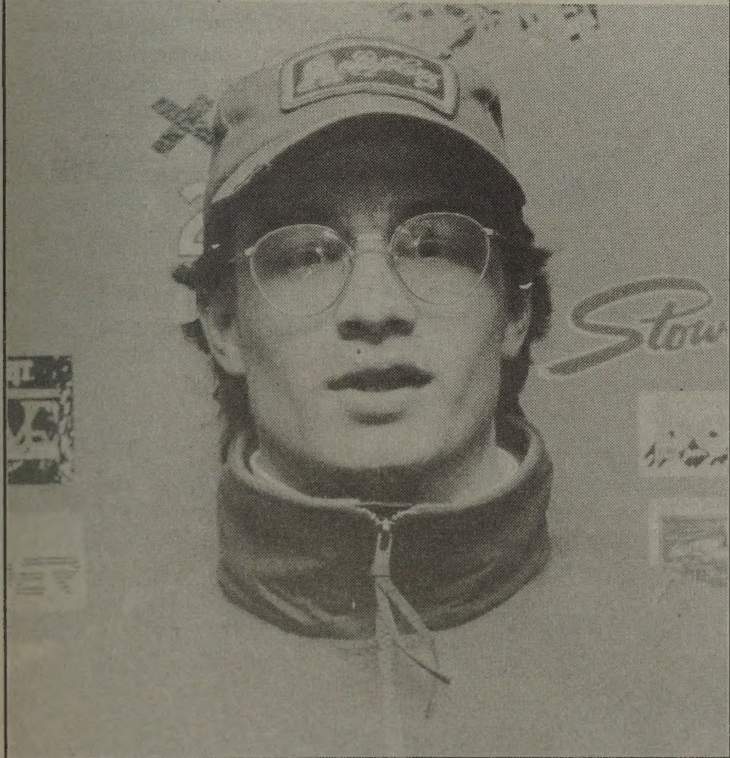
Amy Foley



By Kevin Bourke
Sports Editor

Junior Amy Foley broke the women's 200-yard butterfly record with a time of 2:33.06 in a swim meet at Potsdam State Feb. 1. "I was surprised because I hadn't swam the 200 fly since my freshman year and I dropped about eight seconds," Foley said. She also took second in the 200-yard individual medley and swam backstroke on the winning medley relay team. Foley qualified for the Division I-II New England meet at Boston College last weekend. She swam the 100- and 200-yard backstrokes and the 100-yard butterfly. "I think I've improved a lot since my freshman year," Foley said. "I guess my coaches deserve credit."

Scott Davis



John Bonnette
Sports Editor

Scott Davis has been one of the most consistent skiers this season for the St. Michael's men's ski team. On Jan. 18 he took fifth place at West Mtn., N.Y. in a meet hosted by Skidmore, and on Jan. 15 he took fourth place at Shawnee, Maine, in a meet hosted by Bowdoin. The 18-year-old Brigeton, Me. native said that the team has had a good year, although the men were never able to put it all together. "It went real well, the girls team was doing awesome, and the guys team was just having trouble putting two runs together," Davis said.

Men take 4th in state meet Seven swimmers qualify for New Englands

By Kevin Bourke
Sports Editor

St. Michael's took fourth place at the Vermont State Men's Swimming and Diving Championships Saturday at Middlebury College. "Middlebury was just too good," freshman Mike Gavin said. "We did about as well as we could have done against the competition, though." For the Knights, the highlight was sophomore John "Swanny" Swan's 100-yard breaststroke time of 1:08.97. The time qualified him for the New England Division I-II meet at Bowdoin College in Maine this weekend. He made the qualifying time by two-hundredths of a second. "I'm really psyched about going to New Englands because I didn't even know I was going until after my race," Swan said. At the state meet, the men were gunning for Norwich, a team they had narrowly lost to two weeks before in a dual meet at the Ross Sports Center. But St. Michael's just didn't have enough swimmers. The loss of sophomore diver Tim Kinney hurt at this meet, just as it has all semester. "Everybody swam well," junior captain Dave Lardizzone said.

"Swanny qualified for New Englands and some other guys had good times, but we were just hurt by the numbers. Diving hurt us because Timmy was out." Junior Charles Brewer said best what other members of the team were feeling. "We couldn't beat Norwich, but we'll beat them next year." Kinney summed up the meet best. "Basically we did well considering our size. We brought down nine people and swam against some pretty big teams." Most of the team did not do as well as they had done at previous meets, though. "I think it was kind of an off day for us," Jim "Bimba" Stuart said. "Swanny had a good day in the breaststroke, but a lot of us were disappointed in our times." Seven of the nine St. Michael's swimmers will be going to the New England meet. "I'm looking forward to New Englands with the competition and fast pool," Stuart said. "Our biggest meet of the year is still coming up and I'm pretty psyched for it." The seven men who are going

to the New England meet are Swan, Stuart, Brewer, Gavin, freshman Sean Stevens, and sophomores Jim Dowd and Jeremy Kane.

Stats From State Meet

Swimmer	points	event	place
Gavin	11	100 Back	4th
		200 Back	4th
		100 Fly	5th
Kane	8	1000 Free	4th
		200 Back	7th
		500 Free	5th
Stuart	7	100 Breast	4th
		200 I.M.	5th
Brewer	6	50 Free	5th
		100 Free	5th
Lardizzone	4	1000 Free	6th
		500 Free	7th
		200 I.M.	7th
Swan	3	100 Breast	6th
		200 Breast	7th
Dowd	1	50 Free	7th
Stevens	1	200 Free	7th

Syracuse star sues NCAA

College Press Service

SYRACUSE, N.Y. - A Syracuse University men's basketball player is suing the NCAA for \$1.35 million over an eligibility dispute. Conrad McRae, a 6-foot-10 junior, claims that the NCAA's back-and-fourth eligibility rulings on his status at Syracuse caused him mental anguish, loss of television exposure, distraction from academic studies, loss of his starting position, reputation, and a chance to play Division I basketball. The NCAA's eligibility Committee ruled McRae ineligible Nov. 19 because of a recruiting violation that had occurred while he was in high school. McRae's challenge of the ruling in a New York court caused him to miss Syracuse's first six games. That challenge resulted in a New York Supreme Court justice temporarily restoring his eligibility, after which he played in two games. Shortly thereafter, another justice upheld the NCAA Eligibility Committee's ruling. Shortly after that, McRae became eligible again after the NCAA Eligibility Committee changed its original ruling and restored McRae's right to play. McRae's attorney, Eric Alderman, told the Syracuse Post-Standard that "(The NCAA) was wrong. They did a bad thing. It was totally avoidable. They chose to put this kid through this for nothing." Alderman says as a result, McRae lost valuable playing time. Jim Marchiony, an NCAA spokesman, said this is the first time someone has sued the NCAA for monetary damages in regard to eligibility.

SPORTS SHORTS

Intramural update

By Sarah Goodrich
Staff Writer

The top intramural basketball teams are still going strong. The High Rollers rollers remained the only undefeated team in the A league at 5-0. They are just ahead of Red Death, an Alumni team with a 6-1 record. Other top teams include the Fighting Irish (5-1), Nice and Smooth (5-2) and EBE (5-3). In the B league, the runs stayed undefeated at 5-0 with a close win over Joyce Penthouse 39-38 on Feb. 9. The Hoosiers are in second place with a 4-1 record. They are followed by the Barnyard Animals (3-1) and Short White guys (3-2). In Poly Hockey, The Dusters and the Swine will face off in the semi-final round of the double elimination tournament on Feb. 11. The Dusters beat the Dudes and the Suffering B's to advance, while the Swine defeated the Screamin Beamises and First Floor Flash. The Swine have a tough game ahead of them in the Dusters, the team that won the Christmas Tournament. In the double elimination tournament, each team has to lose two times to be eliminated. Mung and the Suffering B's, each with one loss already, will play each other on Feb. 11 also. The winner will move on to play the loser of the Dusters-Swine game.

Pizza boosts crowds

"The Domino's Pizza challenge was created to generate interest for students to come to basketball games," men's Assistant Coach Darryl Hilliard said. Instead of buying a one page advertisement in the St. Michael's programs, Domino's agreed to donate pizzas at the end of the year to the dorm that attends the most games, Hilliard said. Before each game, students sign up outside and tell where they live on campus. These statistics are kept throughout the season. These are the standings as of Feb. 1

games	percent at last game	Attendance of all
Ryan	47	446
Lyons	29	259
Alumni/Founders/Senior	12	169
Joyce	8	109
North Campus	.1	65
Town Houses/College Parkway/Hodson/St.		
Joseph's/Trono/Salmon	.1	84
Off Campus	0	28

St.Mike's weight room: Is it safe?

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Staff Writer

Broken weights and lack of equipment have students wondering about the safety of the weight room at Ross Sports Center.

"It's terrible; some weights are broken and glued together." There are missing machines and it's a small enclosed area," Junior Brian Pear said.

According to Zaf Bludevich, assistant director of athletics, "Broken weights are not budgeted so they are replaced the next fiscal year. Given the circumstances and facilities, we try to keep it as safe as possible. The room is packed to the brim with equipment."

"There is always a work-study student in the weight-room," said Margaret DiMasi, intramural director/equipment manager.

These students are there to watch the equipment and those who are working out.

Senior Robin Perez is one of the work-study students assigned to the weight room. "It's definitely safe; we keep an eye out," she said. "Lots of guys come without spotters but you need to have one."

Perez said that abuse of equipment is rare. "There is lots of broken equipment that's taking up space," she said. "It could use some improvements, it seems like an ignored area of the gym."

About 121 people use the weight-room each day, said Sarah Goodrich, Graduate assistant to Intramurals. These figures may include multiple attendance by individuals during the week.

The weight-room is the "busiest room in the center", Edward Markey, director of athletics. "We're trying to resolve the crowding problem," Markey said.

The condition of the weight room is due to the heavy usage that the sports center experiences. The size cannot adequately hold the volume of people who choose to use the facilities, Markey said.

"This building (Ross) was made for a smaller student population and less sports programs," said Bludevich. "Now we've really increased need and we have to upgrade what we have."

Students may not be satisfied with the present facilities, but Markey stressed that the entire program is based around student needs. There are limiting factors such as money, programs and liabilities.

"It's aimed to provide general activity for students...there is no Physical Education program here, so we're voluntary," Markey said.

"It'd be great if we could get a matted floor in there, but that involves a lot of money," DiMasi said. "We don't want to conflict with the future facilities."



Keith Odums hits a layup during St. Michael's 94-70 loss to Assumption Saturday at the Ross Sports Center. Monroe Blakes, 15 points, Dave Mandleur, nine points and Justin Smith, nine points, were the high scorers for St. Michael's.

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BOX SCORES FROM SPRINGFIELD AND ASSUMPTION GAMES

SPRINGFIELD (78): Earl Elliotte 5-8 9-11 20; Hassan Robinson 5-10 4-8 15; Mike Reissner 4-6 2-2 12; Derrick Bobbitt 2-3 4-4 8; Scott Roy 0-2 0-0 0; Ron King 8-11 2-2 18; Steve Schibi 0-1 2-2 2; John Donohue 1-3 1-1 3; Justin Waranis 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 25-45 17-22 78.

ST. MICHAEL'S (75): Monroe Blakes 9-15 11-11 31; Jason Curry 1-6 1-2 3; Troy Brown 0-4 0-0 0; Juddy McDonald 4-5 0-0 10; Keith Odums 2-5 2-3 6; Jeremy Dubay 1-3 1-2 3; Alexis Sherard 3-7 2-2 8. Totals 27-56 17-22 75.

ASSUMPTION (94): Donnie Walls 1-1 0-0 2; Demetri Beekman 3-5 7-10 13; Drew Adderly 14-18 5-8 37; Alvin Jones 3-4 0-1 6; Josh Renkens 0-1 0-0 0; Dan Marshall 0-2 0-0 0; George Smalley 4-9 0-0 8; John Carroll 6-13 0-0 8; Craig Radcuffe 5-7 0-0 12. Totals 36-60 12-19 94.

ST. MICHAEL'S (70): Monroe Blakes 4-15 5-6 15; Jason Curry 3-5 0-0 6; Geraro Devine 1-1 0-0 3; Juddy McDonald 1-6 3-4 6; Keith Odums 1-8 0-0 2; Dave Mandleur 3-6 3-5 9; Jeremy Dubay 5-7 1-3 11; Justin Smith 3-7 3-6 9; Dave Bierwirth 1-2 0-0 3; Alexis Sherard 1-6 3-4 5; Tim MacDonald 0-2 1-2 1. Totals 23-65 19-30 70.

Olympic Update

Compiled From AP
Wire Reports

Medals have been few and far between for the United States during the first three days of the XVI Winter Games. The only American to win a medal so far has been Bonnie Blair. Blair won the gold medal in the women's 500-meter speedskating competition with a time of 40.33 seconds.

The Olympics opened Saturday; cross-country skier Bill Koch led the United States during the opening ceremonies.

Blair's first-place finish in speedskating made her just one of three Americans to finish in the top 10 at the games so far. The other two were A.J. Kitt of Rochester, N.Y., who finished ninth in the Men's Downhill; and Duncan Kennedy, who finished 10th in the luge. Kennedy's finish was the best-ever for an American male luger.

In hockey the United States used a four-goal third period to beat Italy, 6-3. Steve Heinze scored the game winner for the Americans. The United States needs only one win in their next four games to make the medal round.

In other events:

•Norwich's Jim Holland finished 13th in the 90 meter Ski Jump. His jumps of 85 and 81 meters gave him a total of 201.1 points.

•Mary Decker finished 13th in the 3,000 meter Speedskating competition with a time of 4:34.51.

•In the women's 15 kilometer cross country competition, Nancy Fiddler was the top American finisher. Her time of 46:42.4 was good enough for 27th. Williston, Vt., native Brenda White finished 35th, with a time of 48:06.

•In the men's 30 kilometer cross country Luke Bodensterner finished 27th with a time of 1:28:45.7, and Brattleboro, Vt., resident Bill Koch finished 42nd with a time of 1:30:41.6.

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